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**TO: COUNTY CONTACTS FOR CALIFORNIA HEALTHCARE FOR  
INDIGENTS PROGRAM (CHIP), RURAL HEALTH SERVICES (RHS)  
PROGRAM, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
APPROPRIATION (EMSA) PROGRAM**

**SUBJECT: SENATE BILL (SB) 941**

This letter is to inform counties about the enactment of Senate Bill (SB) 941 (Chapter 671, Statutes of 2005), which will be effective January 1, 2006.

This bill makes changes to EMSA and the CHIP/RHS Physician Services Account in the local emergency medical services fund. We suggest that counties review this legislation and consult with their legal counsel, if appropriate. [Click here for SB 941 Legislation.](#)

The Office of County Health Services (OCHS) is revising CHIP, RHS, and EMSA documents to reflect SB 941 provisions. We expect to issue revised documents by December 15, 2005.

OCHS has identified the following changes SB 941 has made to the Welfare and Institutions Code that may impact administration of CHIP, RHS, and EMSA:

1. Section 16952(d): Changes administrative costs to actual administrative costs not to exceed ten percent of the account.
2. Section 16952(f): Expands the definition of eligible patients for Proposition 99.

3. Section 16952(g): Expands the type of medical personnel who can provide emergency medical care included in claims physicians submit for reimbursement
4. Section 16952(h): Changes the 50 percent reimbursement limit per claim to conform to requirements of the Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund.
5. Section 16952.1: Requires each county that elects to establish a Physicians Services Account in the county emergency medical services fund to submit an annual report to the Legislature.
6. Section 16953.3: Changes the establishment of a fee schedule from permissive to a formal requirement.
7. Section 16956(b): Changes the schedule of payment for physician claims from at least annually to at least quarterly.

If you have any questions, you may contact your County Health Services analyst at (916) 552-8016.

Sincerely,

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